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SUBJECT: DISNEY WORLD EAST - GOWB INTEREST IN COLLABORATION
WITH DISNEY

REF: CALCUTTA 195

1. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED BONGIRNO BY TELEPHONE JANUARY 22 TO ASCERTAIN POSITION OF DISNEY CORPORATION WITH REGARD TO GOSH PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DISNEY-TYPE COMPLEX IN CALCUTTA. BONGIRNO EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY PROSPECT FOR COLLABORATION, EITHER NOW OR IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HE SAID DISNEY RESOURCES FULLY COMMITTED TO EXPANSION FLORIDA COMPLEX AND WORK ON NEW PROJECT IN TOKYO. HE EXPRESSED CHAGRIN THAT GOSH WAS PURSUING THIS MATTER WITH SUCH PERSISTENCE, AND SAID HE TOLD GOSH IN NOVEMBER EVEN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. HE AGAIN SUGGESTED GOSH CONTACT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AMUSEMENT PARKS (SEE STATE 192635).

2. BONGIRNO APOLOGIZED FOR DELAY IN RESPONDING TO MORLEY
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LETTER OF DECEMBER 8, BUT SAID REPLY WAS IN THE MAIL. DE-

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